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IDENTIFICATION OF PESTS INFESTATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Institute for cotton research has identified pests infestation due to prolonged drought condition like last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures to be undertaken to control the pest menace?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Institute of Cotton Research, Nagpur has recorded enhanced incidence of jassids and thrips during July and August due to prolonged drought. Another insect pest hitherto unrecorded on cotton has been identified as stem borer of Sesbania namely Azygohelps scalaris infesting the crop during the drought period.

(c) In the central zone the sucking pest namely jassids, aphids,thrips and white fly can be managed by seed treatment with imidacloprid @ 8 g/kg seed. Thereafter chemicals such as endosulfan, Methyl demeton and Thiamethoxam are recommended.